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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)7.2.8 Optional Rate Plans(A) Synchronous Optical Channel Service Optional Rate Plan

The Synchronous Optical Channel Service Optional Rate Plan offers a Term Discount. The Term Discount applies to Channel Terminations, Channel Mileage, Customer Nodes, Customer Premises Ports, and Central Office Ports monthly rates, as set forth following. The rates and Term Discount percentages for the Synchronous Optical Channel Service Term Discount are set forth in 17.6.9 (A), (B), (C) and (D) following.

Discounts for the Synchronous Optical Channel Service Optional Rate Plan are only applied to Synchronous Optical Channel Service provided to a customer within the same state and LATA by the same Telephone Company.

OC3/OC3C, OC12/OC12c and OC48 Synchronous Optical Channel Service may be ordered at the customer's option on a monthly basis or for Term Discount periods of 36 months (3 years) or 60 months (5 years). (C)

The minimum service period for all Term Discounts plans is twelve months. The customer must specify the length of the service commitment period at the time the service is ordered.

For customers that subscribe to the Term Discount Plan for 36 or 60 months, the Term Discount rates as set forth in 17.6.9 following will be frozen from Company initiated decreases, for the entire discount period at the percent in effect at the beginning of the Term Discount period.

If a Term Discount percentage increase occurs during the term of an existing Term Discount plan, the increase percentage will be applied automatically to the remainder of the current Term Discount period.

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At the end of the Term Discount period, the customer may convert to month-to-month service or subscribe to a new Term Discount plan. If the customer does not make a choice by the end of the discount period, the rates will automatically convert to month-to-month service rates. The minimum service period on a monthly basis is twelve months for Synchronous Optical Channel Service.

To be included in a Term Discount plan, all eligible Synchronous Optical Channel Service rate elements must be ordered for the same rate commitment term (i.e., all 36 months or 60 months) and with the same service date. When additional capacity is subsequently added, it will be available only on a month-to-month basis unless the discount period of the entire service is upgraded.

Eligible OC3/OC3C, OC12/OC12c or OC48 Synchronous Optical Channel Service rate elements are those Channel Terminations, Channel Mileage Facility, Channel Mileage Terminations, Customer Nodes, Customer Premises Port and Central Office Ports provided to a customer within the same state and LATA by the same Telephone Company. As long as the number of OC3/OC3C, OC12/OC12c or OC48 included in a Term Discount plan remains constant, customer requests to install and disconnect OC3/OC3C, OC12/OC12c or OC48 services, including changes affecting different wire centers and/or customer designated premises, will not change the current Term Discount period or the minimum service period, and Discontinuance of Service charges as set forth in (3) following will not apply. (C)

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)7.2.8 Optional Rate Plans (Cont'd)(A) Synchronous Optical Channel Service Optional Rate Plan (Cont'd)(1) Upgrades in Term Discounts

Services provided under monthly rates or Term Discount rates may be upgraded to a Term Discount plan at any time without incurring nonrecurring charges or discontinuance charges for existing services. The new Term Discount plan must meet or exceed the service term of the plan being upgraded. For example, a service with a 36 month commitment period may be upgraded to a new 36 month or 60 month service period. The monthly rates will be those that are in effect at the time the service is upgraded. A new minimum service period applies to all Synchronous Optical Channel Service that is upgraded.

(2) Upgrades in Capacity (OC3/OC3C to OC12/OC12c and/or OC48) (C)

If the customer chooses to upgrade a service under the Term Discount rate plan to a higher capacity (i.e., OC3/OC3C to OC12/OC12c and/or OC48), discontinuance charges will not apply, provided all of the following conditions are met: (C)

- the customer's order for the disconnect of the existing OC3/OC3C or OC12/OC12c Service and the installation of the new OC12/OC12c or OC48 Service are received at the same time and specifically reference the application of upgrade in capacity, (C)
- the customer's disconnect order for the existing OC3/OC3C or OC12/OC12c Service must reference the OC12/OC12c or OC48 Service installation order, (C)
- the new service has a total channel capacity greater than the total channel capacity of the service being discontinued and, (C)
- the new Term Discount period meets or exceeds the Term Discount period being discontinued. (C)

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.8 Optional Rate Plans (Cont'd)

(A) Synchronous Optical Channel Service Optional Rate Plan (Cont'd)

(2) Upgrades in Capacity OC3/OC3C to OC12/OC12c and/or OC48 (Cont'd) (C)

A new minimum service period applies to all upgrades. Nonrecurring charges will not be assessed when an existing OC3, OC12 and/or OC48 service is upgraded to an equivalent channel capacity at a higher speed.

Should the customer choose to upgrade either a portion of, or the entire OC3/OC3C and/or OC12/OC12c Service under the Term Discount plan to an OC12/OC12c and/or OC48 Service and move the service to a new customer location(s) within the same state and LATA, and when the service is provided by the same Telephone Company, discontinuance charges will not apply. (C)

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If the customer chooses to disconnect all or a portion of the service prior to the expiration of the Term Discount period, discontinuance charges will apply to the portion of the service being discontinued.

Should the customer choose to discontinue a Term Discount plan prior to the completion of the minimum service period, discontinuance charges will apply. Discontinuance charges equal to 100% of the total undiscounted monthly rates, less any amounts previously paid, will apply for the minimum service period. Additionally, discontinuance charges of 15% for the OC3/OC3C service and 50% for the OC12/OC12c or OC48 service, of the total undiscounted monthly charges will apply to the remaining portion of the discount service term. (C)

Should the customer choose to discontinue service ordered under a Term Discount plan after the minimum service period but before the completion of the discount period, discontinuance charges will apply. Discontinuance charges of 15% for OC3/OC3C Service and 50% for OC12/OC12c or OC48 Service, of the total undiscounted monthly charges will apply to the remaining portion of the discount period. For example, a customer has an OC3/OC3C Service which it chooses to discontinue after 33 months into a 60 month service term. The discontinuance charge would be 0.15 times 27 months times the undiscounted monthly rates for that service. (C)

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)7.10 Synchronous Optical Channel Service (Cont'd)7.10.2 Network Channel Interfaces

Compatible channel interfaces for Synchronous Optical Channel Service are set forth in 15.2.2 (C) (8) following.

The following network channel interfaces (NCIs) define the bit rates that are available for a synchronous optical channel:

<u>NCI</u>	<u>Bit Rate</u>		
FCF-B	155.52 Mbps	(OC3, OC3c)	
FCF-D	622.08 Mbps	(OC12/OC12c)	(C)
FCF-F	2.4 Gbps	(OC 48)	(C)

7.10.3 Optional Features and Functions(A) Customer Node

A customer node charge applies when the Telephone Company provides terminal equipment at the customer designated premises for termination of a Synchronous Optical Channel Service Channel Termination. Such equipment may be used to convert the signal from an optical to electrical format. The customer node charge is determined by the level of optical signal (i.e., OC3, OC3c, OC12, OC12c or OC48) delivered to the premises. Each Customer Node must be configured with one or more Customer Premises Ports. (C)

Rates and charges for the Customer Node are as set forth in 17.6.9 (D)(1) following.

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Customer Premises Port charges apply in conjunction with the Customer Node charge. Each Customer Premises Port provides the interface to derive a lower capacity service at the customer premises. The type and quantity of ports is determined by the customer and is based on the type of Customer Node selected and the number of DS1, DS3, STS-1 and/or OC3/OC3c etc. channels ordered. Customer Premises Ports are available at the following speeds:

<u>Customer Premises Ports</u>	<u>Speed</u>	
OC12, OC12c	622.08 Mbps	(C)
OC3, OC3c	155.52 Mbps	
STS-1	51.84 Mbps	
DS3	44.736 Mbps	
DS1	1.544 Mbps	

Rate and charges for the Customer Premises Port are set forth in 17.6.9 (D)(2) following. (T)

(C) Add/Drop Multiplexing

An Add/Drop Multiplexing Central Office Port charge applies to the interface provided at the Telephone Company wire center for the purpose of adding or dropping lower capacity services from Synchronous Optical Channel Service Channel Termination or Channel Mileage transport facilities. Central Office Ports are available at the following speeds:

<u>Central Office Port</u>	<u>Speed</u>	
OC12, OC12c	622.08 Mbps	(C)
OC3, OC3c	155.52 Mbps	
STS-1	51.84 Mbps	
DS3	44.736 Mbps	
DS1	1.544 Mbps	

OC48 service may only be multiplexed to OC12/OC12c. OC12 service may only be multiplexed to OC3/OC3c channels. (C)

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)17.6 Other Services (Cont'd)17.6.9 Synchronous Optical Channel Service

Regulations concerning Synchronous Optical Channel Service are set forth in 7.2.1 preceding.

	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>3 Year(36 Month)</u>	<u>5 Year (60 Month)</u>	
(A) Channel Termination Per Termination				
OC3/C3c	\$763.80	\$687.45	\$611.05	
OC12/OC12c	\$1,468.85	\$1,321.95	\$1,175.10	(C)
OC48	\$2,937.70	\$2,643.90	\$2,350.15	
Per Mile, over 3 Miles OC3, OC12 and OC48	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Channel Termination nonrecurring charge per termination is \$786.00.				
(B) Channel Mileage Facility Per Mile				
OC3/OC3c	\$58.80	\$52.90	\$47.05	
OC12/OC12c	\$117.55	\$105.80	\$94.05	(C)
OC48	\$176.30	\$158.65	\$141.05	
(C) Channel Mileage Termination per Termination				
OC3/OC3c	\$117.55	\$105.80	\$94.05	(Z)
OC12/OC12c	\$587.55	\$528.80	\$470.05	(C)
OC48	\$1,175.10	\$1,057.60	\$940.05	

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	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>3 Year (36 Month)</u>	<u>5 Year (60 Month)</u>	
(1) Customer Node				
Per Node				
OC3/OC3c	\$293.80	\$264.40	\$235.05	
OC12/OC12c	\$1,057.60	\$951.85	\$846.05	(C)
OC48	\$3,525.20	\$3,172.70	\$2,820.20	
Customer Node nonrecurring charge per node is \$786.00.				
(2) Customer Premise				
Port Per Port				
STS-1	\$44.10	\$39.70	\$35.30	
DS3	\$44.10	\$39.70	\$35.30	
OC3/OC3c	\$146.90	\$132.25	\$117.55	
OC12/OC12c	\$470.05	\$423.05	\$376.05	(C)
(3) Add/Drop Multiplexing				
Central Office Port				
Per Port				
DS1 (1.544 Mbps)	\$17.65	\$17.65	\$17.65	
DS3 (44.73 Mbps)	\$29.40	\$29.40	\$29.40	
OC3/OC3c (155.52 Mbps)	\$88.15	\$88.15	\$88.15	(C)
OC12/OC12c (622.08 Mbps)	\$411.30	\$411.30	\$411.30	(C)
(4) Shared SONET Ring				
Interoffice Transport				
per Channel Mileage				
Facility	None	None	None	
(5) DSL Access Service				
Connection				
OC3/OC3c	\$1,331.55	\$1,331.55	\$1,331.55	

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